

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Multipurpose Room, Campus Union Building
ENMU-Roswell
December 11, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent president Jane Christensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Jane Christensen, Chad Lydick and Chase Sturdevant were present. Regents Randy Harris and Brett Leach were absent.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Lydick moved to enter executive session at 12:02 p.m. to discuss one personnel item. Regent Sturdevant seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Roll call: Regent Christensen – yes; Regent Sturdevant – yes; Regent Lydick – yes

OPEN SESSION

Regent Sturdevant moved to return to open session at 2:50 p.m. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Christensen said one personnel item was discussed in executive session but no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Gamble said a second executive session was not needed.

[Regent Christensen called for a 10 minute break.]

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent President Christensen welcomed everyone to the Roswell campus.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- Dr. Gamble thanked Dr. Madden and members of the Roswell campus for their hospitality. He said he always enjoys meeting on the Roswell campus and is looking forward to commencement tonight.
- Mr. Clark Elswick has been appointed as vice president of Academic Support effective January 5th, replacing Mrs. Ronnie Birdsong who is retiring. With the retirement of Dr. Judith Haislett, Mr. Steve Estock is serving as the interim vice president for Student Affairs until Dr. Jeff Long arrives in January.
- Since the last Board of Regents meeting, the General Obligation Bond passed that funds \$11 million for the Golden Student Success Center on the Portales campus. Dr. Gamble said that the Jack Williamson Liberal Arts Building is complete, and staff have begun to move in. The building will officially open in January for the spring semester.
- Dr. Gamble said all of Eastern's fall sports have had good seasons. He said ENMU's male athletes ranked number one in academics in the Lone Star Conference (LSC), and ENMU's women athletes ranked number four in the LSC.
- Dr. Gamble said Eastern has been recognized as the lowest priced online program in the nation. The school has received good publicity regarding this.

- Slightly more than \$12 million has been raised to date for the multipurpose stadium. Dr. Gamble said fundraising efforts will continue so that we can get the kind of stadium we need.
- The state's budget may likely be flat next year as a result of declining oil prices. Dr. Gamble does not expect any increase in the university's state appropriation for 2015-16.
- At the January board meeting, Dr. Gamble will request a 6.5% increase in tuition and fees to help support the revenue bonds Mr. Smart will present today. Eastern is currently the third lowest institution in the southwest in tuition and fees, and will probably remain so even with the proposed tuition increase.
- The NCAA issue is still ongoing. Dr. Gamble said the university continues to provide all information requested, and he is unsure when the issue will be completed.
- Dr. Gamble hopes to have information in January for the regents regarding the tailgating issue. He feels this needs to be addressed at a meeting held on campus, and possibly at a special called meeting in February.
- Dr. Gamble said the Lone Star Conference is exploring options to expand the number of teams in the conference. There currently are not enough teams to fill a schedule, and schools are playing some teams twice in a season.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

- Dr. Madden was able to speak to the state legislature on behalf of the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges regarding capital projects and research and public service projects. Funding of these projects for the coming year is uncertain given the recent downturn in oil prices and the suspected loss in state revenue.
- Dr. Madden was pleased to learn that Chaves County passed the General Obligation Bond. The bond will provide funding for a new roof for the Learning Resource Center and \$1.2 million to expand campus security.
- The Roswell campus has discontinued the Dental Hygiene program as of December. There were many issues that caused this, including personnel issues, accreditation issues and financial issues. Dr. Madden said every effort was made to salvage the program, but it simply was not possible.
- Dr. Madden invited everyone to tonight's graduation. It is always a good event.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

- Dr. Alred reported that the General Obligation Bond also passed in Lincoln County. The campus will receive funds to renovate the front of the campus building.
- Dr. Alred distributed a newsletter regarding the new Title V grant that outlines the objectives for the first year.
- In February, the Community College Board will have four of its five members facing re-election. Each member has indicated they are considering running for re-election, but Dr. Alred said it is very unusual to have so many positions for re-election at one time.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the minutes of October 31, 2014 as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENTS MATTERS

1. 2015 Regents' Calendar

Regent Christensen presented the 2015 regents' calendar for approval.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the 2015 regents' calendar as presented. Regent Sturdevant seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. 2015-16 Holiday Schedule, Portales

President Gamble presented the 2015-16 holiday schedule for regent approval. The holiday schedule follows the same timeline as previous years.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the 2015-16 holiday schedule as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Capital Projects Bond Package, Portales

The university will ask approval from the Higher Education Department (HED) and the State Board of Finance (SBOF) to construct a \$12 million multipurpose athletic facility but must have the funds in hand for the approval. To date, the university has raised \$5,665,000 for the facility. Mr. Scott Smart presented for regent approval a System Improvement Revenue Bonds package (not to exceed \$12,600,000) that would provide the additional funding needed for the athletic facility and other campus projects:

- \$ 6,335,000 additional funded needed for the multipurpose athletic facility (to total \$12 million)
- \$ 4,000,000 pledged by the university as a partial match for the renovation of the current library into the Golden Student Success Center. This is in addition to General Obligation Bonds secured through voter approval in 2014 and hopefully in 2016.
- \$ 2,000,000 needed to complete the renovation of the West Campus apartments that were constructed in 1961.
- \$12,335,000

The bond package would also refinance \$6,300,000 in existing bond debt at a lower interest rate, netting a savings of \$46,000 per year. Repayment sources for the bond include student fee revenues, bond refinance savings, and other revenues.

The bond package requires approval of a bond parameters resolution, three capital projects, and a resolution from the New Mexico Finance Authority. Mr. Smart entered into the official minutes the reading of the resolution of bond parameters and asked for approval:

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SETTING PRELIMINARY PARAMETERS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES REGARDING PROJECTS RELATED THERETO.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the bond parameters resolution as read and presented. Regent Sturdevant seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Mr. Smart presented for approval the capital project request for \$12 million for the multipurpose athletic facility. This will be submitted to the HED.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the capital project request for \$12 million for the multipurpose athletic facility as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Mr. Smart presented for approval the capital project request for \$2 million to complete the renovation of the West Campus apartments. This will be submitted to the HED.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the capital project request for \$2 million for the renovation of the West Campus apartments as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Mr. Smart presented for approval the capital project request for \$4 million as a partial match for the renovation and repurposing of the Golden Library into the Golden Student Success Center (GSSC). The university is seeking a total of \$22 million in general obligation bonds for the bulk of the funding, but is only submitting the \$4 million partial match to the HED at this time.

Regent Lydick moved to approve \$4 million as a partial match for the renovation and repurposing of the Golden Library into the Golden Student Success Center as presented. Regent Sturdevant seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Mr. Smart entered into the official minutes and asked approval of the resolution for the New Mexico Finance Authority:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF
COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT
APPROVAL TO THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the New Mexico Finance Authority resolution as read and presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

3. Budget Adjustment Request, Portales

Mr. Smart presented the annual Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) as required by the HED. The BAR adjusts beginning fund balances to reflect actual fund balances as a result of the completion of the annual audited financial statement process.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the Budget Adjustment Request for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Policy Revisions, Portales

Dr. Patrice Caldwell presented policy revisions for approval by the regents. Changes to the policies shown below were approved by University Council and reflect minor changes and edits.

- 35-1 Travel
- 40-6 Work Time
- 40-7 Leave
- 40-8 Employee Benefits
- 40-10 Evaluations and Performance Pay
- 55-1 Purchasing

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the policy changes as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

5. 2014 Fall Graduation List, Portales

Dr. Gamble presented for approval 331 applications for fall commencement at the Portales campus.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the 2014 fall graduation list for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Sturdevant seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

6. Budget Adjustment Request, Ruidoso

Ms. Sheila Farquer presented the Budget Adjustment Request for the Ruidoso campus as required by the HED.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the Budget Adjustment Request for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Sturdevant seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

7. Tenure Awards, Ruidoso

Mr. Pierre Laroche presented the names of Ruidoso faculty members who were granted tenure this year. This is an information item.

Mr. Quentin Hays, department of Mathematics and Science

Mr. Stephen Miller, department of Business and Information Systems

8. Lab Fee for IS 298: Programmatic Capstone/Cybersecurity Challenge, Ruidoso

Mr. Laroche asked approval for a \$45 per semester lab fee for IS 298. The fee covers the registration fee for a student to attend Cybersecurity Challenge competition that reinforces the student's knowledge of cybersecurity.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve a \$45 per semester lab fee for IS 298 as presented.

Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

9. Computer and Networking Security Associate of Applied Science Degree, Ruidoso

Mr. Laroche submitted a correction to the Computer and Networking Security Associate of Science degree approved by the Board of Regents in September. The degree should have been presented as the Computer and Networking Security Associate of Applied Science degree, and Mr. Laroche asked approval to correct the name of the degree.

Regent Lydick moved approval to correct the name of the Computer and Networking Security Associate of Applied Science degree as presented. Regent Sturdevant seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Mr. Laroche asked approval for a certificate of completion in Occupational Safety and Health.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve a certificate of completion in Occupational Safety and Health as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

10. Wildland Fire Science Associate of Applied Science Degree and Certificate, Ruidoso

Mr. Laroche presented for approval an Associate of Applied Science degree and a certificate of completion in Wildland Fire Science. These programs are part of the new Title V grant, and, if approved, classes will be available to students beginning fall 2015.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve an associate of applied science degree and a certificate of completion in Wildland Fire Science as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

11. Budget Adjustment request, Roswell

Mr. Eric Johnston-Ortiz presented for approval the BAR for the Roswell campus as required by the HED.

Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the budget adjustment request for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

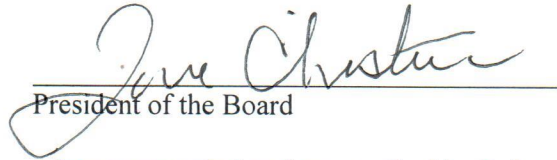
12. 2014 Fall Graduation List, Roswell

Mr. Mike Martinez presented for approval 380 applications for fall commencement at the Roswell campus.

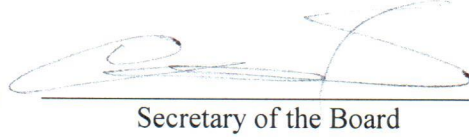
Regent Sturdevant moved to approve the 2014 fall graduation list for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Sturdevant moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Deborah Bentley
Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Regents*